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## Letter From Miss Gean

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Dear Friends:

When last I wrote you we were speeding along toward Colorado Springs, we arrived there about 2:00 P. M., Saturday August 28. It is a beautiful place. About seventy-five of us took the trip to Cripple Creek, the rest went to Pikes Peak, it is about fifty-seven miles from the Springs by rail and 3½ miles on a straight line. The scenery on the way was indeed beautiful, the great hills and valleys are beyond description. We were 19,239 feet above sea level when we reached the highest point.

The mining district is quite a wonder to sight seers. Everything to eat is extremely high in that section. Eggs and bananas 5 cents each, coffee 10 cents a cup. We left Colorado Springs at 4:00 A. M. Sunday. At Canon City we took on a tourist car and soon arrived at the Grand Canon, where some size rocks are to be seen on all sides. I am sure no one has ever been able to describe the scenery so I shall not attempt to do so.

We traveled over the Rockies all day and part of the night. When we were traveling over the Pacific slope some wonderful sights were brought to view. Snow on the mountains was beautiful indeed. We all put on wraps and closed our window for some time. We traveled along beside the Arkansas river for some distance and when we

crossed the continental divide we struck the Eagle river running west, the Arkansas river runs east.

The Grand river canon is more beautiful than the Grand Canon out from Canon City. We took a good rest for the night and arrived in Salt Lake City early this morning. We took a trip over the city and saw many points of interest. We went to the great Mormon temple and heard the largest pipe organ in the world. It was indeed wonderful, the voice pipes sounded like a chair back of the organ. I never hope to hear anything more beautiful in this world. The temple is a great building, said to seat about 15,000 people. The building has neither nail, iron or steel in it. We saw the monument erected in honor of Brigham Young also his grave and the graves of three of his wives. He had 19 wives and 52 children. We saw the beautiful home of his last wife, she died at the age of 86 years, still (Young.)

We were due to leave the City at 1:30 but did not get out until an hour later. We soon reached the great Salt Lake of which we have all read so much. It was indeed hard to speed along over it without stopping and taking a plunge but we were not allowed to do so.

The atmosphere here is awfully hot and dry. We are now crossing some of the barren land with no living thing in sight and we are having something like a real

house party on the observation car. We hope to arrive in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gean.

## Letter from Miss Gean

San Francisco, Sept. 5, 1915.  
Dear Friends:

Here I am at this great place of beauty and wonder. We arrived here about 15 minutes late Tuesday afternoon. We had a beautiful reception at Oakland.

Across the Bay from here a committee of about six or eight people met us on the train and gave us bouquets of geraniums and ferns. We then got off the train and took the ferry boat and crossed the bay to San Francisco. It was about sunset, however the lights of the city flashed on before we landed and it was indeed a beautiful sight.

We all registered at the same hotel and are like one large family—there is only 149 of us.

We took observation cars the next day and took in a portion of the city and the Pacific ocean. We went through Golden Gate Park and the beauty of the place is marvelous. There is no need to try to describe what we saw. Of course the ocean was grand, the seals on the rocks were interesting as well as handsome.

There was quite a lot of rubber neck wagons out (ours was an observation car) each car seating about 42 people.

Yesterday we went out to the fair grounds, where about 15,000 or probably 18,000 or 20,000 people were to hear Taft speak. We saw the airship flying and it fell into the bay. The man was not killed however as he turned the machine loose and jumped into the water and was rescued by a life saver.

The tower of jewels is the most beautiful sight on the grounds, it contains 435,000 jewels, each jewel costing \$1.25, and it is more than 400 feet high. It has every color of jewel that is used. When the sun and light is good the jewels sparkle continually, making one think of the City we read about in the Great Book of Life.

The different state buildings are of great interest to the sight seers. Every one having a moving picture show free to all visitors.

They have the most peculiar conveyances you ever saw to carry you over the fair grounds, not free though. They have trains the tracks about 18 inches wide the most interesting means of travel I saw owing to the smallness of the trains.

Tonight is our reception night, we are all supposed to look our best and act as all Mississippians should

There was quite a write up in the paper about the "Grown in Mississippi" special and some of our photos were in the paper.

Tomorrow is Mississippi day. Suppose we will have to take it all in.

I shall be glad to give you another account of our reception tonight and our day tomorrow in a later issue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gean.

Townsend—Babbitt

Mrs. Mattie Townsend, of Ackerman, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Sara to George Harry Babbitt, of this city, the wedding to take place October 6th.

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